

HOUSE BILL 237  
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4,  
to authorize the issuance of special plates bearing the logo  
of National Rifle Association.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by  
adding a new item thereto, as follows:

( ) National Rifle Association;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a  
new item thereto, as follows:

National Rifle Association - twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee and  
who are members of the National Rifle Association, upon complying with state motor  
vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the  
regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in Section 55-4-203,  
shall be issued a special license plate, either for an automobile, or a truck of one-half  
(1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) The application for such license plates shall be accompanied by proof  
satisfactory to the commissioner certifying the applicant to be a member of the National  
Rifle Association.

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(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of Section 55-4-202, shall be of the colors and contain the logo of the National Rifle Association, and shall be designed in consultation with the Executive Director of the National Rifle Association, the director of the motor vehicle division and the commissioner of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of six (6); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)

(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under Section 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or part of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under Section 55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in Section 55-4-203.

(f)

(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the department of safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

(g) The funds derived from the sale of National Rifle Association special license plates, less the costs the State has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates,

shall be deposited in a special fund in the general fund to be used exclusively for grants by the executive director of the wildlife resources agency for gun safety programs.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, for the first fiscal year in which such license plates are issued and after deducting the expense the State has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, funds derived from the sale of license plates of the first one thousand (1,000) such plates pursuant to this act shall be distributed to the general fund and funds derived from the sale of such license plates in excess of one thousand (1,000) shall be distributed as otherwise provided in this act. For succeeding fiscal years, all funds derived from the renewal of the plates described in this act or from any new issues of such plates, less any expense the State has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be distributed as earmarked in this act with no further payments going to the general fund from such plates.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.